

in connection with LB 309 which is the deferred maintenance in the capital construction. Legislation was enacted last session. The Fire Marshall's office has the responsibility in this area for the handicapped access where improvements are made in relation to fire safety and that \$25,000 is to provide that program. The next one is the State Electrical Board which is a cash funded agency. The level recommended in the appropriation bill is dependent upon the passage of LB 816. I believe it is indicated so in the intent. The Department of Labor is totally a continuation budget with the exception in program one ninety-four at the bottom of page eighteen, the protection of people and property. There was one additional safety inspector authorized here. They have requested two and we are recommending one additional person to you. The next agency is section ten, page nineteen, the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Department of Motor Vehicles by and large is a continuation budget throughout. I should call your attention, keeping with the general policy of not doing new programs but continuing replacement, we did not put in additional funds for new development of some of the computer and data processing that has been going on in the department. The department is approximately one year ahead of their anticipated schedule and we felt that, again, because of the shortage or tightness of the budget that perhaps some of that additional development could be partially delayed for this year because of these reasons, but we did provide adequate funding to complete all projects that are under way. Also I should point out on page twenty, program 071, this contemplates the passage of LB 502 which again is on Select File and will place about \$135,000 into the operation of the department and we've reduced the general fund appropriation in anticipation of that. The balance of the Department of Motor Vehicles deals with license plates and highway safety and both of these are straight continuation projects from last year. On page twenty-one is the Department of Public Institutions. They essentially have a continuation budget. The principal difference in the Department of Institutions will be in relationship to the Beatrice Development Center. You will notice at about the middle of page twenty-one there is a \$1,418,707 of general fund money to be used either for the improvement of programs at the Nebraska Development Center or expansion of the Community Base Mental Retardation Programs. Included in the intent bill will be language that states that not to exceed \$1,000,000 of this will go to the Beatrice Development Center and this is also in the agreement with what was in the Governor's bill but this language, or this dollar amount rather, together with the language in the intent bill should ensure without question of the state continuing to qualify for Title Nineteen funds at Beatrice. As I indicated the other day some \$4,000,000 is at stake for that continuation. Program three fifty-five is a continuation request dealing with the Blind Rehabilitation and no changes. On page twenty-two is the appropriation for the mental health regions, six in number. I will just tell you briefly how the allocation between regions is arrived at. The dollar amount included is the agency's request, that is the Department of Institutions request for each of the agencies plus an increase of \$61,154 went to region four enabling the region to match all the available county funds that was left out inadvertently by D.P.I. in their original request and the second addition was one of \$22,109 that went to region five for some rent to consolidate their office and again this had